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SUBJECT: JUNE 30 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) SAID IT HAS APPROVED EXPORT OF 27,000 POUNDS OF URANIUM TO FUEL INDIA'S TARAPUR ATOMIC POWER STATION. POST NOTED THAT NRC EMPHASIZED THAT FURTHER U.S. SHIPMENTS OF NUCLEAR FUEL FOR PLANT WOULD BE CUT OFF IF INDIA EXPLODES ANY MORE NUCLEAR DEVICES. INDIA, POST RECALLED, EXPLODED NUCLEAR DEVICE IN 1974, "PARTLY WITH AID OF HEAVY WATER PROVIDED BY U.S. FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

2. GEORGE LARDNER JR. OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED CARTER ADMINISTRATION DISCLAIMED ANY INTENTION OF SETTING UP NEW INTERNATIONAL URANIUM "CARTEL" EVEN THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN TOP-LEVEL CORRESPONDENCE WITH AUSTRALIA AND CANADA ABOUT NEED FOR COLLABORATION AMONG "LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES." TESTIFYING BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, STATE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL JOSEPH S. NYE SAID ADMINISTRATION'S AIM IS SIMPLY TO CREATE INTERNATIONAL FUEL "FUND" THAT OTHER COUNTRIES COULD TURN TO IF THEY FELT SHUT OFF FROM THEIR CUSTOMARY SOURCES OF NUCLEAR FUEL, LARDNER REPORTED. HE SAID NYE TOLD COMMITTEE THAT "THERE IS NOT AUSTRALIAN-CANADIAN-AMERICAN CARTEL." SENATOR FRANK CHURCH SAID OTHER COUNTRIES MAY PERCEIVE PLAN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY IN LIGHT

OF JUMP FROM SIX TO FORTY DOLLARS POUND FOR RAW URANIUM OR "YELLOWCAKE" AND ROLE OF SOME AMERICAN COMPANIES IN FOREIGN-BASED "YELLOWCAKE" CARTEL THAT SET OUT IN 1972 TO RIG BIDS AND DRIVE PRICES UPWARD. LARDNER SAID CHURCH, ALLUDING TO ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS FOR "INTERNATIONAL FUEL BANK" THAT MIGHT SERVE AS CONTINGENCY RESERVE FOR NATIONS IN NEED OF NUCLEAR FUEL, DECLARED THAT "IT MAY VERY WELL APPEAR THAT CARTEL IS FORMING WHETHER THAT IS INTENT OF (U.S.-AUSTRALIAN-CANADIAN) GOVERNMENTS OR NOT."

3. SYNDICATED COLUMNIST MARY MCGRORY IN JUNE 28 WASHINGTON STAR SAID IT CAME AS BIT OF JOLT TO DISCOVER THAT PENTAGON IS, UNDER PRESIDENT'S DIRECTION "GOING FORWARD WITH SOMETHING CALLED 'NEUTRON BOMB,' TACTICAL NUCLEAR DEVICE THAT KILLS PEOPLE BUT RESPECTS PROPERTY." MCGRORY SAID "KEEPING NEUTRON OPTION OPEN COMES ON HEELS OF ANOTHER DECISION THAT CUTS ACROSS CARTER'S DECLARED IDEALS, SALE OF SEVEN AWAC'S (AIRBORNE RADAR ALARM SYSTEM) TO SHAH OF IRAN.... JIMMY CARTER TAKES MOST UNKINDLY TO ANY SUGGESTION THAT HIS POLICY IN ANY WAY RESEMBLES JERRY FORD'S. BUT IN FIRST MAJOR TEST IN MILITARY-FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS INVOLVING BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR ARMS, IT'S DIFFICULT TO SEE DIFFERENCE. IN FACT, FOR THOSE WHO VOTED FOR HIM LAST NOVEMBER ON HOPE THAT HE COME DOWN ON 'PLOWSHARES' SIDE OF ETERNAL ARGUMENT, IT'S GETTING TO BE JUST ABOUT IMPOSSIBLE." VANCE
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